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REMARKS

SOURCE

1. On 31 May 1952, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse in Altenburg (N 51/K 27) was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia or motor transport insignia. In the forenoon on 21 May, five armored personnel carriers each towing one 100-mm AT gun and occupied by personnel with field equipment left the installation proceeding toward Leipzig (N 52/E 21). In the forenoon on 23 May, five armored personnel carriers, two of which towed a 100-mm AT gun and carried personnel with field equipment, left the installation and proceeded toward Roblitz. On 27 May, all troops received training with 3 medium AT guns and 4 x 100-mm AT guns in the barracks yard.

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3. Forty-five new trucks which had arrived in the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse during the period from 18 to 23 May, were loaded at the Altenburg railroad station. **

4. On 31 May, only part of the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by troops. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 29 May, 24 soldiers practiced in the barracks yard. On 31 May, about 20 soldiers were engaged in athletics and about 30 soldiers in labor service. *

5. On 31 May, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by a small rear detail whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. During the period from 28 to 31 May, groups of up to 20 soldiers each were observed engaged in

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6. On 27 May, part of the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. On 26 May, eight new trucks continually drove around the barracks yard. Twenty-five men practiced with three 76.2-mm field howitzers in the training area behind the barracks installation. Two 100-mm AT guns were parked there. in the barracks yard. *

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8. On 22 May, a total of about 75 soldiers received training with 2 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 3 x 152-mm gun howitzers, and on a battery commander's telescope and field telephones in the training area of the Foschwitz park. Two officers and 24 soldiers stood at two guns of about 100-mm with muzzle brakes, spring equilibrators, split-trail gun carriages and barrels about 5 meters long.

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